Fine weather helps farmers bring in harvest

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With the wettest June in more than 100 years, farmers are working hard at harvesting and haymaking while the fine and sunny weather holds in the south. Further north some much needed rain has begun to fall.

The Met Office clearly forecast the change from wet to dry and sunny weather over a week ahead, giving the UK's farming community plenty of notice to plan ahead for this window of opportunity.

Guy Gagen, NFU chief arable adviser, said: "The weather has been particularly unkind to farmers this year but last week's Met Office forecast indicated a spell of fine weather and that advanced forecast has really helped our members plan harvest activity and make the very most of the fine weather. Accurate and regularly updated forecasts are essential to farmers around the country".

Our forecasts are updated regularly and can be accessed via the Met Office desktop and mobile website, through apps for Android and iPhone App or via our delivery partners at the BBC and ITV.

Derrick Ryall, Head of the Met Office Public Weather Service said: "Whether you are using our forecasts to plan when the best time is to undertake your harvest, move livestock, or just looking for the latest forecast for your local beach or tourist attraction, you are never far from the most up to date weather information from the Met Office."

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